(b) and (c) Govt. of India has recently launched a Central Sector Integrated Programme for Development of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly Areas for implementation in 6 selected districts viz. Bastar (M.P.), Keonjhar (Orissa), Adilabad (Andhra Pradesh), Panchmahal (Gujarat), Ranchi (Bihar) and Almora (Uttar Pradesh) on pilot basis with an outlay of Rs. 14.50 crores for the 9th Plan. At present there is no proposal to include any district of Himachal Pradesh under this pilot scheme.

Pucca Rural Godowns

3542. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to set up pucca rural godowns in panchayat level to save crops and other valuables due to frequent natural calamities like cyclone and floods especially in Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The Central Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of construction of godowns, provide financial assistance to State Government/U.T. Administrations, including Eastern States for construction of small godowns upto 2000 MT capacity in the remote, hilly, rural and tribal areas to ensure smooth flow of PDS items to the fair price shops in these areas. The financial assistance is in the form of 50% grant-in-aid (subsidy) and 50% loan. The funds are to be utilised within two years of the date of sanction. Recently, Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 15.40 crores to the Government of Orissa for construction of 96 godowns in cyclone affected areas in the State under the scheme referred to above.

Annual Foodgrains Output

3543. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual foodgrains output fall short of the target for the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the target fixed for the promotion of foodgrains for current financial year and actual production, crop-wise;

(c) whether per capita availability of foodgrains is declining every year despite satisfactory South-West monsoon for 11th year in succession;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government to increase the foodgrains production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production of foodgrains during 1999-2000 is likely to be 201.56 million tonnes as against the target of 210.00 million tonnes as per details given in the following table:

(million tonnes)

Crop/Crop-Groups	Targets	Production
	1999-2000	1999-2000*
Rice	86.00	88.55
Wheat	74.00	70.10
Coarse Cereals	34.50	29.38
Pulses	15.50	13.55
Total Foodgrains	210.00	201.56

*Advance Estimates as on 27.03.2000.

Note: Targets/production are for Agriculture Year.

(c) and (d) Per capita net availability of foodgrains during 1999 at 470.1 grams per day, though lower than that of 1997 at 509.3 grams per day, is higher than that of 1998 at 450.4 grams per day.

(e) To increase production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government is implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in rice/wheat/coarse cereals Based Cropping System Area, National Pulses Development Project etc. Under these programmes/project, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation and use of improved farm implements.

Research is also being continuosly undertaken to develop improved technologies so as to enhance the productivity and production of foodgrains in India. Field demonstrations on farmers' holdings including training of farmers and farm labourers is being organised for effective transfer of technology.

Scheme for Livestock

3544. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored some schemes for the promotion of livestocks in the country;

(b) if so, the States where these schemes are being sponsored;

(c) whether any such Central schemes has been sponsored for Orissa to promote live-stock in that State; and

(d) if so, the achievements made under that scheme in that State during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying have sponsored several schemes to supplement the efforts of all the State Governments including Orissa for promotion of livestock. A list of these schemes is enclosed. *{See* below) Under these schemes, a sum of Rs. 10.15 crores has been released to the State Government of Orissa during last 3 years viz. 1997-98 to 1999-2000, for development of breeding inputs, and strengthening the requisite infrastructure in the State Livestock Farms. The year-wise details of funds released is as below:

	Releases (Rs. in crores)
1997-98	2.06
1998-99	2.31
1999-2000	5.78